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When thinking of War Cover Collecting, I am afraid most of us confine our interests to the recent World Wars I and II, but how many of us realize that in our membership are included collectors interested in the Mexican War, the Napoleonic Wars, the Boer War, the Spanish American War and, of course, the Civil War with its Patriotic Covers.

If you are interested in starting your own collection of War Covers but want to learn more about our hobby, plan to attend our fall meeting on October 18, ask questions, see some wonderful material, and hear an interesting speaker.

Jean G. Koor

V-MAIL

Why Collect It?

Arthur K. Hurlburt

What is V-Mail?

V-Mail service consisted of the photographic micro-filming of letters; transporting the rolls of film by air to their destination; and photographing the letters in miniature for delivery.

During World War II, the United States Post Office Department inaugurated the use of V-Mail for members of the Armed Forces and their relatives and friends, in order to expedite and insure the safe delivery of mail to and from servicemen overseas and to free much needed cargo space for the shipment of munitions and supplies.

The safe delivery of mail was guaranteed by holding the original letter intact until a report was received that the film had reached its destination and a readable print made.

Are Collectors Interested?

Not many now. Several years ago an attempt was made through articles in the philatelic press to enlist the interest of collectors in making a study of V-Mail material. Forty-eight responded, but only a few were interested in the entire field and some wanted only a few samples to round out war cover collections. Several have since disposed of their collections. Thus, it would seem that the field is wide open for accumulation and study.

Is a collection of this type acceptable to exhibition judges as philatelic material?

V-Mail appears only occasionally at stamp club exhibitions, but when it does, it is examined by many with considerable interest. Recently nine frames of V-Mail envelopes were shown at one of the large stamp clubs and the judges found it worth a blue ribbon as well as an S.P.A. Research Award Certificate.

What does V-Mail offer to the collector?

1. Letter Sheets

(a) Printed according to a required form by both the Government Printing Office and private manufacturers. These bear form and permit numbers and may have slight differences in the type of print shape of flap, etc.

(b) Printed with greetings for various holidays and other special days and also with comic picture and wording.

(c) Address Change Forms printed by the GPO in a variety of forms.

Envelopes

(a) Fifty-two manufacturers were authorized to manufacture V-Mail envelopes and this led to a wide variety in cut or "knife", size and shape of window opening, color and imprint.

(b) Return envelopes used to return undeliverable V-Mail letters to the senders. The Army and Navy used different types, but each had a small window opening on the lower right side. When the original envelope was removed and the letter placed in the return envelope, the opening was directly over the name and address of the sender.

Later when the volume of returned mail increased, it

became necessary to speed up the handling. The original envelope was then cut or torn to expose the sender's address.

(c) Air Mail. When the air mail rate was paid by the sender overseas, the letter was delivered by air mail in the States. An envelope with red dashes around the border was used.

3. Facsimiles

This is the name given to the finished print.

(a) May be collected by A.P.O. number or camp or ship name.

(b) Greeting or comic forms.

(c) Change of address forms.

4. Postmarks

Three V-Mail stations were operating in the United States. Two of them used the town names at first with slogans; later numbers were assigned. Variations can be found in the cancels.

5. Miscellaneous

There are also "targets" used to identify the film pouch labels, etc. which add color and interest to the collection.

At first the letter sheets and envelopes used overseas were made up locally and many interesting varieties may be found. Also in some localities and under certain conditions, postmarks were used.

Airgraph which is quite similar and was used both in Great Britain and in Canada before the adoption of V-Mail here, will give an additional sideline.

How much of this material is available now?

Writing in the February, 1944 issue of Radio News, Lt. Col. E. O. Snyder, officer in charge of V-Mail section, says, "At this writing the volume of V-Mail has increased 400 percent since January 1, 1943. That means over 25,000,000 V-Mail letters a month."

The V-Mail section was in operation from June 1, 1942 to October 31, 1945, and the total volume of material must have reached many, many million items. Where is it now? Of course, much has probably been destroyed, but many letters have, no doubt, been preserved.

Therefore, if you were in military service during World War II or know someone who was, look through your letters or ask your friend to do so. You may be surprised at what you will turn up.

The subject of V-Mail has been presented here largely in outline form because space limitation will not permit much detail. A study started several years ago has progressed slowly but considerable data has been accumulated. This includes the classification of envelopes which is nearing completion.

Lists of manufacturers and specifications for letter sheets and envelopes have been procured and the location of overseas processing stations determined. It is hoped that eventually this data may be presented in booklet form.

However, much work remains to be done and the assistance or inquiries of interested collectors will be welcome.

First Annual Show For Sea Gull Stamp Club

The Sea Gull Stamp Club of Corpus Christi, Texas will hold its first annual exhibit on October 18 and 19, in the Nueces Hotel. It will open at 11:00 a.m., October 18, with 50 or more frames on display. Bourse tables will be available for dealers. An auction will be held starting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Members of other stamp clubs in the Gulf Coast area have been invited to attend and participate in this exhibit. Further information may be obtained from club president Ben L. Miller, 205 Norton, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Cover Service For UN Commem

The United Nations Postal Administration has announced that the first day of issue of the first United Nations commemorative stamp will be on United Nations Day, October 24.

The stamp, which is of the 5c denomination, will have as its main theme the Veterans' War Memorial Building in San Francisco, where the Charter of the United Nations was signed on June 26, 1945, and will have as a border the words "United Nations" in the five official languages of the UN - English, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese.

The lettering "Birthplace of the Charter" will appear at the bottom of the stamp, and "San Francisco, 1945" at upper left. The denomination appears at upper left.

It will be issued in horizontal sheets of fifty, with marginal inscriptions at the top and bottom of the sheets. The stamps will be blue in color and measure 27mm. x 40 mm. A quantity of 6,000,000 will be printed, and no further printing will be undertaken.

Sale is to take place at United Nations Headquarters, New York, on Friday, 24 October and the following conditions will apply with regard to collectors desiring to submit envelopes for first day cancellation servicing:

Persons desiring first day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed, unstamped envelopes, not in excess of 20, to the United Nations Postal Administration, Room 218, United Nations, New York. Envelopes should be addressed in the lower left-hand corner. All covers will be mailed out individually.

The outside envelope must be clearly marked "First day covers, - UN Day."

Remittance to cover the cost of stamps to be affixed must be enclosed in the form of a money order or certified check. Personal checks will not be accepted, nor postage stamps.

A filler of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap turned in.

Requests for marginal inscription blocks will be filled only as far as possible, depending on the number of marginal inscriptions available. On the other hand, the normal UN Postal Administration requirements concerning the number of stamps which must be purchased to obtain a marginal inscription are waived. However, positional requests will not be honored.

No mixed orders for both first day covers and mint stamps will be processed, and such orders will be returned to the applicant.

Separate orders for mint stamps will be accepted, but these must be addressed to the "United Nations Postal Administration, United Nations, New York" without reference to room number.

Produce Seals For Maine Meeting

Fall meeting of the Maine Philatelic Society is scheduled for October 18 at Bangor, Maine. All collectors of the area who find it possible to attend are urged to do so.

Seals have been prepared to note the affair they having a reproduction of the Pierce Memorial to the Lumber Industry in Maine. Selling price is three for 10c from Harrison Mitchell, 130 Center St., Bangor, Maine. A stamped addressed envelope must accompany all orders.

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760		1.85	1.90	.72	.72
761		2.20	2.50	1.00	1.10
762		2.35	2.50	.76	.90
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A.P.O. Covers Of World War II

by I. Willinger

World War II A. P. O. covers had their origins in 1941, and came from the civilian employees of the United States government stationed on the British lend-lease islands off our Atlantic Coast.

The subsequent establishment of U. S. air bases in far-flung geographic areas resulted in a volume of incoming mail which proceeded to increase with the expansion of American military operations to almost every country and strategic island of the world.

When hostilities finally ceased, following V-J Day, there were approximately 1200 separate A.P.O.'s in operation. Some, because of the enormous volume handled were classified as Base Post Offices (B.P.O.).

Base Post Offices in operation numbered twenty-five in all, and these were set up at central points to facilitate separation and routing of mail in bulk for troops located in adjacent areas.

Other units established were called Postal Regulating Stations (P.R.S.), and were located at important junctions on supply routes. Large quantities of mail were constantly in transit from the B.P.O.'s, to the troops via these supply routes.

A further function of the P.R.S. was to sort the mail for delivery or pick-up by the combat forces mail clerks there-by affording these units a complete mail service.

In contrast some A. P. O.'s were much smaller, which resulted in an insignificant quantity of mail being originated at those particular points. One such A. P. O. - No. 615, was a weather station located at Ivigtut, Iceland.

A collector, who in 1941 started to gather A.P.O. covers, and who has continued to pursue this field up to the present time can be expected to possess about 90 percent of all A.P.O.'s, used during that period. As a specialty, the collection of A.P.O. covers affords the excitement of the search—in the effort to complete all existing numbers. It also affords the interest derived from the great variety of censor markings and cancellation types.

At present, covers from approximately 500 different A.P.O.'s, are relatively easy to obtain. Beyond that number, additions become progressively difficult to locate. The scarcity of several A.P.O. number covers can be attributed, not only to the factor previously mentioned, but also to the length of time which a particular A.P.O. was in operation.

Among those of "short-life" was A.P.O. number 669 - Churchill, Manitoba, Canada—which was in operation for a period of only five months (July to November 1942). No doubt this was the location of a weather observation or radio relay station with but a small complement of men and a correspondingly small volume of outgoing mail.

A limited number of similar such A.P.O.'s are known to have existed. Isolate A.P.O.'s, located in Greenland received their mail by parachute-drop during the long winter months. Outgoing messages were radioed to headquarters where they were typed and forwarded via air or surface ships.

At this late date, and as may be expected, the original recipients of A.P.O. mail during World War II have either destroyed or otherwise disposed of the covers which they received. Consequently, the possibilities of obtaining any covers through such a source is quite remote. However three fairly reliable sources do remain open to the A.P.O. cover collector.

A leisurely perusal of the accumulated "odds and ends" of your favorite local stamp dealer, will usually bring the reward of finding one or more of the covers which you seek. Of course, the number which you do find will depend upon the size of your own collection. As your collection expands, the number of covers obtainable in this manner will continue to decrease.

Auction sales have proven to be an excellent source of this type material. Invariably a box or lot of covers will be listed among the items offered. It would be to the advantage of the serious A.P.O. cover collector not to overlook this source.

Finally, but no less important as a source is the War Cover Club, whose members actively exchange this type of material. In addition, the War Cover Club operates a cir-

cuit through which many covers find their way into the collections of the A.P.O. cover collectors.

The historical value of all, and the apparent scarcity of some, coupled with the varieties thus far discovered, have provided a fertile field for the specialist. In the light of interest shown thus far, World War II A.P.O. covers can be expected to show an appreciable gain in value corresponding to the growing demand.

Install New Arrowhead Officers

At the annual banquet of the Arrowhead Stamp Club in San Bernardino E. M. Armstrong, president of the Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California, installed the following officers: Charles Richard Osborn, president; John Miller, vice-president; Mrs. Yolanda Voce, secretary; Fred W. Coops Jr., treasurer; and Mrs. J. A. Leinen, recording secretary.

German Set For Mankind Helpers

From the German Federal Republic on October 1 will come a set of four semipostals honoring a like number of "Kelfer der Menschheit" (Helpers of Mankind) according to Whitfield King & Co. of Ipswich, England.

Honored on the 4 plus 2 pfennig is Elizabeth Fry; Dr. Carl Sonnenstein on the 10 plus 5pf; Theodor Fliedner on the 20 plus 10pf; and Henri Dunant on the 30 plus 10pf.

Elizabeth Fry, 1780-1845 (an Englishwoman), was the daughter of a Quaker banker of Norwich and married Joseph F. Fry, also a Quaker. Her life was devoted to bettering the conditions of those who were in English prisons. Conditions of the prisons, especially those for women were at this time terrible but were, thanks to her efforts, improved.

Theodor Fliedner, 1800-1864, was

a German protestant divine and philosopher. He visited England in 1823 where he met Elizabeth Fry. Bent on prison reform he applied for permission to be put in prison himself in Germany, but this was refused. He did, however, visit Dusseldorf Prison where he held services and talked to the prisoners.

Eventually he opened his own garden as refuge for discharged female convicts. He then turned to care of the sick and poor and in 1836 began the first deaconess house hospital at Kaserswerth. This establishment gave Florence Nightingale fruitful ideas in provision of nursing. Fliedner founded various other charitable institutions in many countries, totalling over 100 in all.

Henri Dunant, 1828-1910 (a Swiss), was the founder of the Red Cross. Having witnessed the suffering of the wounded at the battle of Solferino in June 1859, he urged the formation of voluntary aid societies with a permanent centre for look-

ing after the wounded in war time. As a result of his efforts an international conference was held at Geneva in 1863, attended by delegates from sixteen European countries. In 1864 at a diplomatic conference, the first Geneva Convention was signed.

Also according to Whitfield King & Co. a 5fr stamp was added to the definitive series on September 25 by Liechtenstein. Designed by Ferdinand Lorber of Austria and printed in the Austrian State Printery, the design pictures the Castle of Vaduz.

In the \$4.80 stamp of the recent decimal currency issue of Virgin Islands there is an error in the spelling of Virgin Gorda Island, which is spelled "Virgin Corda". It seems however that it is improbable that this error will be corrected by the time the issue bearing the Queen's portrait appears.

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PKT. F.B.7 - FOREIGN USED BLOCKS. 25 diff. While looking through the Townsend stock we found a nice lot of these. We seldom have enough for pkts. so here is your chance once more to add a few pages of them to your collection for \$1.00

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The Status Of United Nations Stamps

Much has been written about United Nations stamps and there is some ground for the belief that the stamps are not exactly what postage stamps should be.

Perhaps the best way to determine the status of these stamps is to quote the agreement between the United Nations and The United States Post Office Department. We therefore use space in this issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News to quote this agreement, please read it and then judge for yourself as to the status of these stamps.

In Section One of the agreement we learn that the United States Post Office Department operates the United Nations Post Office. We also learn that the office will offer service comparable with the services offered in any other United States Post Office.

In Section Two we learn that the United Nations shall supply at its own expense all necessary stamps, and stamped paper to be sold at the United Nations Office. Also that no United Nations stamps shall be sold except according to the terms of this agreement.

Now we come to Section Three which tells the real story. Under Section Three we find that only United Nations postage stamps shall be sold in the United Nations Post Office. That all of these stamps shall be provided by the United Nations at their expense. That all revenue received from the sale of these stamps shall be retained by the United States Post Office as full and complete compensation for the service it renders and also that the United Nations may operate a Philatelic Agency for the sale of United Nations stamps and that so long as stamps sold through this agency are held by collectors that the United Nations may retain the money received for such stamps but that if any of these stamps are stuck on letters and posted at the United Nations Post Office, then the United Nations may pay to the United States Post Office Department a sum of money equal to the face value of stamps so used.

This Section Three therefore tells the story. So long as the stamps are bought, either at the Post Office or from the United Nations Philatelic Agency and are used for postage they are regular postage stamps, but if you buy stamps from the Agency, put them in your collection, then they are not (?) postage stamps for they have no postal value UNLESS USED.

This is indeed a funny situation. Red Cross Christmas seals are just as real so long as you have Unused United Nations Stamps, only difference is they do not cost so much, but in effect they are just as real as United Nations Postage Stamps as they are not recognized as of any value by the operators of the Post Office unless used for postage.

The remaining Sections of the Agreement throw further light on the operation of the office but are rather immaterial in determining the status of the stamps.

However, if you read and digest them you will find that this United Nations—United States Post Office should be the most profitable one that Uncle Sam operates, for in this office, all stamps, supplies, cancel devices etc. are supplied free to the United States Post Office and therefore the office should rank as the most profitable United States Post Office in these United States.

Now that you have the facts you can make up your own mind as to the exact status of these United Nations Stamps. To us it looks as though the stamps are labels until used, unless perhaps you buy them from the United Nations—United States Post Office window, in which event they would not have come from the United Nations Philatelic Agency and would therefore be acceptable for mailing and the Agency would not have to recompense the United States Post Office for stamps so obtained. But if you have unused stamps how can you tell by looking at the stamps whether they are stamps bought through a United Nations—United States Post Office window or whether they are stamps bought from the United Nations Philatelic Agency?

Hiding Their Light Under A Bushel

I only recently happened to pick up the May 1952 issue of the Collectors Club Philatelist and read the editorial by Mr. Henry M. Goodkind. The above caption to this story was my first reaction. You have all heard of the man who hid his knowledge under a bushel basket.

It appears to me that this is what happens with this editorial in the May issue of the CCP.

The editorial is in two parts, a part by Major Antony Walker who was formerly editor of Stamp Collecting of London and if I am not mistaken is this not the man who was let out of his job because he was too outspoken in his ideas about how to collect stamps and the publishers feared that his writings would hurt their advertising take. Then there is the part of this editorial by Mr. Goodkind which speaks very plainly about the facts of stamp collecting as practiced here in America.

This editorial is printed in a paper which has so little circulation that it will do very little good in offsetting the points complained of. It should be spread broadcast to all collectors. It tells a truth which every sound stamp dealer should recognize and should support.

We have always maintained that with the average collector who has money to spend, if interested in stamp collecting in the proper manner, he will spend what he has to spend on some stamps. Why not try to guide him and see that he spends the money on sound stamps, on stamps that he will have some chance of cashing in on in the future.

It is just as easy and just as profitable to do business with him that way as to take his money for trash which will have no future.

Mr. Goodkind attempts to blame the Philatelic Publications for most of the present situation but it would be suicidal for any single publication alone to attack the situation as thoroughly as it need be attacked. Our belief is that the stamp dealers are chiefly to blame for the present situation and so long as they are content we do not believe the situation can be altered.

Some help could be given however if the editorial to which we have referred were reprinted in every stamp paper and if the Stamp Dealers Association would seriously study and consider the remarks made by Messrs. Walker and Goodkind.

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Postal Agreement Between The United Nations And The United States Of America

Whereas, a certain Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America, dated the 26th day of June, 1947, regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations (said Agreement being hereinafter referred to as the "Headquarters Agreement") provides that in the event that the United Nations should propose to organize its own postal service, the conditions under which such service shall be set up shall be the subject of a Supplemental Agreement; and

Whereas, the United Nations desires to establish a postal service in conformity with the Headquarters Agreement;

Now therefore, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1

Scope Of Agreement

(i) Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, there shall be established a United Nations Post Office Station in the Headquarters District of the United Nations, as defined in the Headquarters Agreement, which shall be operated by the United States Post Office Department.

(ii) The United Nations Post Office Station shall provide at the prevailing rates all the services offered by any United States Post Office having comparable operations except that the United Nations Post Office Station shall use only United Nations postage stamps.

Section 2

Supply Of United Nations Postage Stamps And Stamped Paper

(i) The United Nations shall at its own expense furnish all United Nations postage stamps required under the terms of this Agreement.

(ii) In the event that the United Nations shall produce or authorize production of stamped envelopes and postcards, such envelopes or postcards shall conform to the specifications of the United States Post Office Department as to size and as to quality of paper used.

(iii) No United Nations postage stamps shall be distributed except in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 3

Sales Of United Nations Postage Stamps

(i) The United Nations Post Office Station shall sell only United Nations postage stamps which shall be provided by the United Nations free of charge in such quantities as may be necessary to fulfill all reasonable needs of the United Nations Post Office Station. All revenue derived from such sales of United Nations postage stamps and from other services rendered by the United Nations Post Office Station shall be retained by the United Nations Post Office Department as full and complete compensation for performance of its obligations under the terms of this Agreement, except, however, that the United States Post Office Department shall be reimbursed for performance of any postal services resulting from use of United Nations postage stamps sold for philatelic purposes under the provisions of paragraph (ii) of this section which are used as postage on mail matter posted at the United Nations Post Office Station by being paid an amount equal to the face value of any such stamps so used as postage.

(ii) The United Nations may maintain a separate agency for the sale of United Nations postage stamps for philatelic purposes in response to orders received by mail. Subject to the provisions of paragraph (i) of this section all revenue derived from such philatelic sales of United Nations postage stamps shall be retained by the United Nations for its own use.

Section 4

United Nations Postmarks

The United Nations shall furnish all postmarking stamps to be applied to mail posted for mailing in the Headquarters District and shall furnish all such postmarking stamps to the United Nations Post Office Station free of charge. All postmarks shall be designated as United Nations postmarks.

Section 5

United Nations Post Office Station Premises

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Section 6

Staff And Equipment

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Section 7

Postal Address Of The United Nations

The postal address of the Headquarters District of the United Nations shall be "United Nations, New York".

Section 8

Duration Of The Agreement

(i) This Agreement shall take effect on a date to be agreed upon between the United Nations and the United States Post Office Department.

(ii) This Agreement shall be subject to revision, on the written proposal of either contracting party, after one year from the date of commencement of operations.

(iii) This Agreement may be terminated by either party giving the other written notice of its intention to terminate such Agreement at least twelve (12) months in advance of the termination date fixed in such notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the respective

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Oct. 4—Newsboys 3c, Philadelphia Pa. (50 per pane—110 million).

Nov. 21—Red Cross, New York, N. Y. (50 per pane—110 million).

ISSUED TO DATE

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1005—4-H 3c, Springfield, Ohio January 15.

1006—B&O RR 3c, Baltimore, Md., February 28.

1007—AAA Safety 3c, Chicago, Ill., March 4.

C46—80c Airmail, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 26.

1008—NATO 3c, Washington, D. C., April 4.

1009—Grand Coulee Dam 3c, Grand Coulee, Wash., May 15.

1010—Lafayette 3c, Georgetown, S. C., June 13.

1011—Mt. Rushmore 3c, Keystone, S. D., August 11.

1012—Engineers 3c, Chicago, Ill., September 6.

1013—Armed Services Women 3c, Washington, D. C., September 11.

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*See Official Records of the General Assembly, Second Session, Resolution (Headquarters Agreement, article II, section 4) page 94.

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292 .06	391 .04	483 .08	516 .06
293 .06	392 .04	484 .08	517 .06
294 .06	393 .04	485 .08	518 .06
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from page one, this edition has
been sponsored by the War Cover
Club.

Someone searching for a fasci-
nating field dripping with history
in the making can hardly do better.
But it is at once obvious that the
light-hearted, the non-persistent and
the non-courageous aren't going to
do so well in it for it takes the
opposite virtues.

It will take some digging and
some circulating among collectors
and dealers for items to add to the
collection—with probably just as
much among friends who possibly
had overseas correspondence in any
of the wars.

So unless you are a hard shelled
introvert there is the additional
pleasure of mixing with people.

Of the many facets in this field
there are two which seem to have
the makings of highly desirable ma-
terial — and I make that statement
as if looking back from 80 to 100
years in the future.

Both are from World War II. One
is APO and related military post-
marks, the other is V-Mail.

In the Civil War of around 90
years ago there were many post-
marks which have since become
greatly sought. And, if in place of
the tremendously popular Civil
War "Patriotics" you think of
World War II V-Mail, you will get
the idea.

In each case the Patriotics and
the V-Mail are peculiar to their era.
Both were plentiful, colorful and
easily obtained—the V-Mail items
still are. A comprehensive V-Mail
collection 80 years from now will
be quite a piece of property, but
of course the present day origina-
tor will not be able to cash in on
it.

While it would probably be a
thankless task and one which would
bring neither fame nor fortune, an
angel is needed to finance all that
can be learned and subsequently
written on the subject. At least if
done carefully and comprehensively
there would not exist the blind
spots which currently are known in
the Patriotic Cover field.

1. Which of the current regular
Presidential postal series is the
only stamp which did not have a
first day of issue in Washington,
D.C.? Where was it released?

2. The Oregon Territorial Centen-
nial comm. had a first day of
issue July 14, 1936 in five different
states. Name them.

Put me down as being among
those who believe the Engineers
and the Fighting Fillies (Women
In Armed Services) stamps are
mighty fine examples of stamp art.

The Post Office Department came
through in a roundabout way with
the answer to a question here a
few weeks ago. They for a long
while limited the quantity of covers
an individual could service on a
first day to ten. I wondered in
print why recent news bulletins
from the Department did not men-
tion such a restriction.

In the bulletin announcing the
Red Cross stamp for November 21
it is stated that "a reasonable num-
ber" can be serviced by any indi-
vidual. The interpretation of "rea-
sonable number" is going to be
funny to everyone but the postmas-
ter of the first day city!

How would you like the forth-
coming Red Cross comm. with a
red border and cross and the
rest of it blue? No color was an-
nounced for this item as yet, but
we can hope.

Canada's recent Red Cross com-
memorative in those colors was an

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rected to this paper by inter-
ested dealers.

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to sponsoring a special edition
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outstanding job.
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like to see a real flashy fire de-
partment red used.

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There are two plates of the 4c
Presidential series which are going
to earn a "scarce" classification.
This information is gained from the
just received Post Office Depart-
ment Bulletin which gives a re-
sume of Plate Activity at the Bu-
reau of Engraving and Printing.
They are numbers 22819 and 22-
820. First certified on December
23, 1941 both were also withdrawn
from further use the same day,
August 28, 1952. Simple arithmetic
will indicate that these plates have
been in the vaults for almost eleven
years.

For No. 22819 the total number
of impressions it made is 36,548;
for 22820 46,549.

Readers can gather two thoughts
from this report. One, that there
are modern day scarce items even
of a stamp printed in the hundreds
of millions and generally available
to all. And two, that such scarcity
is more apt to happen among the
regulars than the commems al-
though the latter is the more popu-
lar branch.

The report shows that another of
the NATO plates has been retired
after 379,393 impressions. It is No.
24640. Eighteen NATO plates were
certified originally.

A reader who has either a short
memory, or wasn't interested in
stamps in 1948 complains that so
many of the various commems of
that year are poorly centered. That
was the year of the great philatelic
flood.

The complaint is not so true of
the earlier issues that year, but for
the later ones, heavenhelpus. The
Post Office Department was forced
to issue so many commems,
and I use forced advisedly, that
there was only concern for produc-
tion of the scheduled items, and
not quality.

The Bureau of Engraving and
Printing does the actual printing of
the stamps on orders from the
POD. A lot of the care ordinarily
given to production just couldn't be
given, and many of the sheets of
stamps which would have been de-
stroyed for poor centering by the
inspectors were allowed to pass
through to the post offices.

1. The 1/2c Franklin which had a
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His Eminence, Francis Cardinal
Spellman and the Rev. Arthur Her-
bert, President of the Lutheran
Memorial Hospital Association, at
the recent convention of the Society
of Philatelic Americans in the Hotel
Astor, New York City, discussed



Cardinal Spellman and the
Rev. Arthur Herbert

the movement to honor Nurse
Clara Louise Maass, U. S. A., who
fifty years ago on August 24, 1901,
gave her life in voluntary tests to
find the cause of yellow fever.

Her heroic sacrifice proved the
thesis of the Cuban scientist Dr.
Carlos Juan Finlay that the virus
of the fever is carried by the Stegomyia
mosquito and furnished the
clue to the eradication of the dis-
ease.

The Republic of Cuba appointed
August 24 to be observed annually
as Clara Maass Day. Last year it
issued a special commemorative
postage stamp bearing her likeness,
the Lutheran Memorial Hospital
from which she graduated in 1895
and the Las Animas Hospital in
Havana where she gave her life for
humanity in 1901.

It is believed that Ecuador, the
Philippines and the United States
will soon issue similar commem-
oratives.

Cardinal Spellman, like Prof. Her-
bert, is a member of COROS (Col-
lectors of Religion on Stamps So-
ciety) and has in his famous col-
lection at Regis College, Mass., a
complete array of Nurse Maass
stamps and the Christmas seals of
the Newark hospital which honor
her memory.

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The A.E.F. In Siberia

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The best account of the postal service of the American Expeditionary Force in Siberia (1918-1920) that has been published is the chapter on this subject by H. M. Metzger in the H. M. Sanford's "The Mail of the A. E. F.," Federalberg, Md., 1940. Since the appearance of this account a certain amount of new information has come to light which it is proposed to present in the following article. The fact that new information and new types of postal markings continue to turn up is sufficient indication that we have not yet had the last word on this particular subject.

The objectives of the Allied Expeditionary Army sent to Siberia were the protection of the stores of supplies accumulated in Vladivostok, the restoration of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, and the rescue and support of the Czechs. The latter, most of them ex-prisoners of war from the Austrian Army, had fought in Kerensky's last offensive against the Bolsheviks.

During the winter of 1917-1918, they held their organization together and brought it up to a total strength of 40,000 men. In May, 1918, they started to travel by train across Russia and Siberia with the ultimate aim of being transported across the Pacific and the Atlantic for service on the Western Front.

In June, the Czech expedition was attacked by the Bolsheviks and part of it cut off from Siberia. 15,000 men got through, the remaining 25,000 started on a long and epic campaign to fight their way through which lasted the greater part of the next year.

It was primarily to aid these Czech forces that the U. S. Government decided on August 3, 1918, to send troops to Siberia.

At about the same time other Allied countries also decided to participate in this operation. The Japanese were the first to have troops on the spot and they furnished the largest contingent of any of the Allies. The Expeditionary Army also comprised British, French, Canadian, Italian, Roumanian, Polish, and Russian troops besides the U. S. and Czech forces.

As soon as the U. S. had decided to join the expedition, the 27th and 31st Infantry Regiments were ordered to proceed to Vladivostok from the Philippines. These units were accompanied by Ordnance, Quartermaster, Medical, and Hospital detachments.

The first of these regiments landed in Siberia on August 15, 1918, the second on August 21st. Also about 8,000 men were sent from Camp Fremont, near San Francisco to fill out the complement of these regiments.

At the request of the Provisional White Russian Government which had its seat in Vladivostok, the so-called Russian Railway Service Corps was organized. It was composed of American engineers. These were assigned to the fourteen sectors into which the railroad was divided.

To protect the railroad the Allied military commanders were asked to provide troops. Some of the U. S. troops were assigned to that part of the railroad near Vladivostok, others took over a section more than 2,000 miles inland near Verkhne-Udinsk where the 27th Regiment had its headquarters.

These first U. S. Troops in Siberia were without any organized postal service for six or seven weeks. A small amount of mail seems to have been sent out during this period by private arrangement. Some of it was taken out on Japanese merchant vessels and placed in the mails in Japan. Some was sent to San Francisco on some sort of boat, as we have seen a letter

Vladivostok were machine cancelled.

It has become known only relatively recently that the Postal Agency had three branch post offices, as follows:

- No. 1 - at Verkhne-Udinsk
- No. 2 - at Habarovsk
- No. 3 - at Spasskaye

The writer has come into possession of cancelled money orders from each of these branches which are stamped Station 2, and Station 3 respectively.

Mr. Cisler seems to recall that each branch had its own identifying post mark. We are rather inclined to doubt this, since no such postmark has ever been reported. The possibility is not ruled out, however, so here is something for collectors to watch for.

Mr. Cisler also says that the mail cars that ran over the Trans-Siberian Railroad several times a week used R. P. O. hand stamp postmarks to cancel mail. No examples of these have been reported either. The use of these R. P. O. hand stamps is not improbable. They would most likely have been used to cancel mail going from one unit to another along the railroad. Little if any such mail would be preserved and brought back to the United States.

When it is remembered that only one example has been found of an R. P. O. postmark used in France by the A. E. F. in World War I and only one example of a similar postmark used in North Russia during the same war, both recent discoveries, there is cause for hope that someone will be lucky enough to find a Trans-Siberian R. P. O. postmark on cover.

The U. S. troops were withdrawn from Siberia in the spring of 1920. By May 1, nearly all had gone, but Mr. Cisler did not close the post office until July 10. The Post Office Department, lagging far behind the accomplished fact, did not officially abolish the Agency until much later, as is shown by the following order:

March 2, 1921

Postmaster General Order No. 5497

With reference to order No. 2004 of September 12, 1918 it is hereby ordered that the United States Mail (Postal) Agency at Vladivostok, Siberia, Russia, is discontinued effective this date.

NAVAL PARTICIPATION

To the writer's knowledge, nothing has appeared in print regarding the participation of the U. S. Navy in the Siberian operation. The following authoritative statement on this subject has been received from the Director of Naval Records and Library in Washington:

"From March 1918 until April 1920 the Asiatic Fleet cooperated with the Japanese and other Allied forces in the Far East. The flagship or some other vessels of the Fleet were almost constantly at Vladivostok protecting American interests.

"The USS Brooklyn, flagship of Admiral Austin M. Knight, arrived at Vladivostok March 1, 1918, and remained there until after the arrival of U. S. troops in August. She left that place October 9 but returned December 23 with Admiral W. L. Rogers who had relieved Admiral Knight. She served as station ship until April 2, 1919, when she was relieved by the USS Albany, which was subsequently replaced by the USS New Orleans.

"Admiral Albert Gleaves arrived at Vladivostok in the USS South Dakota on January 12, 1920, as relief for Admiral Rogers who left that place in the Brooklyn on December 8, 1919. During this period on more than one occasion marines and blue jackets were landed from our ships, in cooperation with Allied forces, to guard German and

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KOREAN "SYKEWAR"

(Continued from page 1)

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Series 9000. To North Koreans. Safe Conduct passes, surrender appeals, and anti-morale leaflets. Most of these leaflets are half-size for mortar dissemination, or for dropping from small artillery observation aircraft.

The above is only a very brief summary of the many historically interesting leaflets which have rightfully become "Paper Bullets". It is hoped that it will give the collector some idea of the scope of the subject. Many of the leaflets are well illustrated with cartoons, photographs and maps.

So far as the efforts of the enemy are concerned most of the leaflets have carried anti-morale messages and safe-conduct guarantees. Many bear the replica signature of U. S. soldiers, reproduced photographically it is understood, from their receipts for rations and cigarettes.

A typical leaflet has the following text:-

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vent destruction and preserve order.

"The evacuation of U. S. troops from Siberia began January 20, 1920, and was completed April 2, when General Graves and his staff sailed for Manila."

The above statement makes no mention of the U. S. Army Transports that carried troops to and from Vladivostok.

Only two naval covers from Siberia are known to the writer, one, from the USS New Orleans is dated August 8, 1919; the other, from the USS Albany is dated January 20, 1920.

Since it is very probable that some naval covers from Siberia can be identified only by the date in their postmark, it is hoped that the above information will aid in such identification.

There was a civilian post office the Russian Provisional Government functioning in Vladivostok during and after the Allied Occupation. A good many covers have been seen from private and commercial letters that passed through this post office and usually bear a Russian censor stamp.

Mail from U. S. Red Cross workers who stayed on after the Occupation also bears evidence of similar handling. This article is not concerned with the civilian postal history of Siberia of this period.

The writer knows of the existence of about 800 covers from U. S. troops in Siberia and he has examined about a quarter of these. No doubt additional covers will come to light from time to time. The commoner types of these covers are not nearly as scarce as is often alleged.

The value placed on them is frequently considerably above their true worth established by supply and demand. On the other hand, there are certain types of covers and markings that are genuinely scarce. In fact there are a few which up to the present time seem to be unique.

A few covers have come to the writer's attention that are of such special interest that it is believed worth while to give the following brief description of them.

1) From an American Y. M. C. A. man with the A.E.F. in Siberia. Post card dated Vladivostok, January 9, 1920. Bears three Russian stamps postmarked Vladivostok, date not decipherable. Also bears censor hand stamp in Russian reading Examined-Vladivostok-by-Russian Censor-No. 3. It would seem that, contrary to regulations, the sender placed this card in the Russian civilian mail. There is no indication of how, when or where it arrived in this country.

2) Cover from U. S. Army lieutenant dated August 30, 1918. Russian stamps. Postmark looks like Tsuruga, Japan. Also a paquebot marking. No U. S. military censor mark. No U. S. postal system had yet been established in Siberia. Letter probably smuggled out on a Japanese merchant vessel.

3) Commercial cover with U. S. five cent stamp. Postmarked Sambor, Poland. Clearly dated January 18, 1921. Bears an A.E.F. Siberia censor mark. Looks as if someone among the Polish troops in Siberia had taken this censor stamp home with him. Maybe he did a little looting and secured some U. S. stamps at the same time. Who has a better explanation?

In preparing this article the writer has been aided by the generous cooperation of a number of people who have permitted him to examine postal material in their collections or who have furnished him useful information. It is a great pleasure to have this occasion to thank the following for such services: Lester K. Ade, Stephen A. Cisler, Mario Colaiezzi, Maxwell Halpern, M. Hertzberg, Frank J. Kovarik, Frederick Langford, Ian C. Morgan, William Montgomery, W. K. Russell, H. M. Sanford, J. C. Wheat.

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Czechs Schedule Souvenir Sheet

Some topical collectors have chosen the subject of autographs on stamps. It is in this field that two recent releases, August 30, from Czechoslovakia fall.

The stamps are half of a four value set in honor of Mikolas Ales with denominations of 1.50 and 6 kcs. Two additional due November 18 are to be 2 and 3kcs. All bear the portrait of Ales and his signature.

The Czechoslovak Philatelic Exhibition in Bratislava will be given philatelic recognition via a two stamp souvenir sheet, 2 and 3kcs, on October 18, while on the same day and for the same event a single stamp of 1.50kcs is to be issued.

On November 7 a set of three will commemorate the October Revolution 1917, presumably the one in Russia when the Bolsheviks took over. Values are to be 1.50, 2 and 3kcs.

According to the Czech Postal Administration the Miners' Day set due September 6 was delayed until the 14th of the same month.

Name Bray New Assistant PMG

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Mr. Bray, a native of Bridgeport, Conn., was associated with the Post Office Department from 1934 to 1941, in the capacities of secretary and special assistant to the Postmaster General, coming to the Department from Capitol Hill, where he had served for many years in the legislative branch of the government.

In recent years, Mr Bray has had wide and varied experience in

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Stork At Hubbards, Leaves Daughter

The Elbert Hubbards of Sherman Oaks, Calif., he's the president of the American Revenue Association, welcomed Denise Ann to their family September 4.

This brunette eight-pounder, her mother and father are all doing well at the latest report.

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Sarrow President Of Israel Philatelists

The Society of Israel Philatelists of New York City left no doubt as to the confidence they place in their newly elected officers for each won his spot in unanimous voting.

Dr. Louis A. Sarrow was chosen president; Dr. Hans A. Fraenkel vice president; Louis S. Schulman treasurer; and secretary Joseph M. Wise, 108-14 65th Rd., Forest Hills, N. Y.

New Mexico Association Meets At Albuquerque

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Perhaps the most forgotten war—philatelically, that is—of modern world history is the Spanish Revolution that broke out in July, 1936, and lasted till April, 1939.

The rebels, under General Francisco Franco, realized that by their own unaided efforts they could not achieve a swift, decisive victory over communism; and in order to make that victory sure, they sought military aid of the totalitarian governments of Italy and Germany. Both countries, eager to see Franco's fascism emerge victorious, promised such aid and kept their promises by sending into Spain regular army troops, especially air corps men.

The group of forces sent by Hitler to aid Franco was called the "Condor Legion" and was made up of some of Germany's crack fighting men. The Spanish cover shown here, specially cancelled at General Franco's headquarters, is cacheted in honor of Marshall Hermann Goering, "soul" of the Condor Legion. Tied to the cover is one of the first issues of Franco's Nationalist Government, Scott No. 627.

A special cancellation that was used in Hamburg on May 31, 1939, to welcome the return of the victorious "Condor Legion" from Spain is shown on the German post-card. The card was made up as a souvenir of the occasion and the picture side shows a portrait of General Franco. The stamp used is Scott's No. B137, issued by Germany in honor of Hitler's 50th birthday.



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AUSTRALIA — According to the Aero Philatelist's News it is possible a 2 shilling air stamp may appear to replace the present 1s6d, value and that other air mail stamps may be authorized.

BRITISH COLONIES — The colonies are now announcing their intentions to revise present postage issues to provide for the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, or have set up new designs incorporating the Queen's effigy.

Antigua is to issue a decimal currency set identical to the present issue with a likeness of the Queen, excepting the 8 and 48c denominations, which will show Martello Tower.

Gold Coast will have certain stamps in revised colors, with the new portrait as follows: 1/2d, remaining the same; 1 1/2d, in green; 2 1/2d, in red; 3d, magenta and 4d in blue.

The Leeward Islands set will be the same but with new likeness and in the decimal currency; Northern Rhodesia will order new printings with the Queen's portrait and Trinidad and Tobago will do the same.

ERITREA — Postage stamps

and postage dues of Great Britain overprinted "B. A. Eritrea" were withdrawn September 15 when the federation of Eritrea with Ethiopia became effective, according to Whitfield King & Company.

NEW ZEALAND — Following the withdrawal of the Coronation stamps (noted in last weeks Parade) a new definitive set portraying Queen Elizabeth will be issued. This date and further details will be announced at a later date.

The 1952 Health stamps will be issued on October 1 and will portray Prince Charles on the 2d plus 1d, chocolate and Princess Anne on the 1 1/2d plus 1/2d, pale claret. There will be two separate designs and the stamps will be slightly larger, measuring 21.5mm x 38mm. The photogravure process will be used for this issue.

PARAGUAY — A commemorative series honoring C. Petrossa, local revolutionary hero, is forecast in the Aero-Philatelist's News.

TURKEY — Four stamps are to be issued September 25 to honor Turkish soldiers fighting with the United Nations in Korea.

Values will be: 15 kuras, soldier; 20k. soldier and Red Cross flag; 30k. soldier aiming a young Korean girl, and 60k. Turkish soldiers raising the Turkish flag in recaptured Korean territory. This last design raises the question as to the proper flag to raise in Korea.

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4c Prexy Plate Apt To Be Scarce

The Post Office Department's report on postage stamp plate activity at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the month of August reveals that there is a likelihood that two of the 4c Presidential numbers are apt to be scarce ones.

Cancelled from further use on August 28 where #s 22819 and 22820, the former after 36,548 impressions and the latter after 46,549. Both had been certified for use December 23, 1941.

Included among other discontinued plates are one NATO, #24640 which made 379,393 impressions. Also Presidential 3c coils #24360 and 24286; Presidential 1c coils 23817-8; and Presidential 3c booklet 24090.

During the month of August the following numbers were sent to press for the printing of postage stamps:

Presidential 2c coil, 170 subject plates, numbered 22896-7.

Presidential 2c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24379, 24382.

Presidential 3c booklet, 360 subject plates, numbered 24418-9.

Presidential 4c regulars, 400 subject plates, numbered 24501-2.

Presidential 5c regular, 400 subject plates, numbered 24269-70.

Airmail 6c, 400 subject plates, numbered 24042-3.

Airmail 15c, 200 subject plates, numbered 23685, 24505.

Engineers 3c commemorative, 200 subject plates, numbered 24675-6-7, 24679.

Women In Our Armed Services 3c commem. 200 subject plates, numbered 24681, 24683.

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Engineers 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 24675-6-7-8-9-80.

Women In Our Armed Services 3c commem, 200 subject plates, numbered 24681-2-3-4-5-6.

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Revaluing Die First Seen At Norfolk Meet

To mark the high spot of a convention gathering replete with unusual features, collectors were surprised to discover that a revalued air mail envelope with new designed overprint was on sale at the special convention station established at the Hotel Monticello for the 29th Annual Convention of the American Air Mail Society held at Norfolk, Va.

The new envelope had been announced more than a week earlier by a dispatch from Washington advising that the Department was about to utilize the Pitney-Bowes Tickometer for the additional revaluing of remaining stocks of 5c air mail envelopes on hand at certain of the larger post offices.

Collectors will recall that the stock of 5c envelopes was originally revalued with a design imprinted to the left of the impressed air mail stamp reading "Revalued - 6c - P.O. Dept." in three lines. The 6c numeral was quite tall and narrow and its outlines were filled with cross-hatched diagonal lines.

This revaluing die in time proved unsatisfactory and the Department decided to substitute a rubber hub bearing a wider numeral of solid characteristics eliminating the previous cross-hatching.

While it may well turn out that some other office had these envelopes on sale prior to August 29, at this writing it is believed that the first release of these envelopes was through the Convention Station of the American Air Mail Society at Norfolk.

A large and enthusiastic group of collectors attended the three day meeting of the Society which was held over the Labor Day week end. No less than eight of the nine living Past Presidents of the Society, whose tenure of office dated back over a period of twenty-nine years, were present at Norfolk. In addition distinguished visitors included Robert E. Fellers, Assistant Executive Director, Bureau of Finance, Post Office Department who represented Postmaster General Donaldson, and who delivered the address prepared for delivery by Hon. Osborne A. Pearson, whose resignation from the Department was effective the same date. Also present from Washington was Robert S. Burgess, Director of Air Service, Bureau of Transportation, Post Office Department, whose attendance marked his first public appearance at a gathering of this kind following a series of illnesses. Hon. Bertil A. Renborg, Chief of the United Nations Postal Administration, was on hand representing that Administration.

A limited number of the newly released envelopes were postmarked first day and held by the Society for those collectors who might want them and who might otherwise not be able to receive them. A pair of the covers, one unused and one canceled first day, may be secured as long as they last by sending 25c to John J. Smith, Fendale and Emerson Sts., Philadelphia, Pa.

Catalog Deals With French Ad Stamps

Available to collectors in the United States is the Ceres "Catalogue des Timbres avec Bandelette-Publicite 'PUBS' et Carnets de Timbres" from Jacob Habib, 1407 Sheridan Ave., New York 56, N.Y.

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A copy of the catalog can be gotten from Mr. Habib at 75c postage and duty paid. The text is in the French language.



Henry M. Friedman
Box 21, Planetarium Sta.
New York 24, N. Y.

SCOTT'S 1953. The British section of part one shows many price increases and very few declines. The Coronations, Jubilees, Peace and Wedding sets have only a few minor changes but most of the U.P.U. sets have been advanced slightly.

There has been no change in the U.P.U. sets of Egypt and Gold Coast. Both of these are underpriced and scarce. The retail price for Egypt is close to the catalogue price of 95c and the Gold Coast set sells from \$1.00 up against a catalogue price of 75c.

AUSTRALIA. Here is a list of the changes in numbers of Australia in the 1953 catalogue, as compared with 1952 and the Monthly Journal.

227	now	230
228	"	234
229	"	227
230/1	"	228/9
232	"	235
233	"	231
234/7	"	240/3
238	"	232
239/40	"	244/5
241	"	239
242	"	233
243	"	236
244	"	237
245	"	238

No. 235 (formerly 232), the 3d red remains at 6c although the retail price is from 20c to 25c.

WAR TAX. Reflecting the present popularity and demand for these stamps many of them have been increased in the 1953 catalogue.

CANADA. There are MANY increases of the Canadian Stamps, especially the coils. The set without "POSTES-POSTAGE" No. 289/93 was increased from 29c to 39c and two coils No. 295/6 from 8c to 15c. These stamps look to go higher.

STRAITS. This column recently stated that the 15c postage due stamp, J17, (now J18) was priced by Scott at 10c mint and 15c used and that the same stamp

was priced by Gibbons at 20/- mint and 22/6 used.

The Commonwealth Catalogue price was 37/6 mint and 42/6 used. The 1953 Scott's catalogue still price this stamp at 10c and the 1953 Gibbons catalogue increase their price to 27/6 mint and 30/- used.

The 1953 Commonwealth Catalogue has not yet been released. It is presumed that eventually Scott's prices will be increased, but you may be able to buy this stamp now based on Scott's price.

For many years Scott mentioned in a foot note that in 1922 some Straits stamps were overprinted "MALAY BORNEO EXHIBITION." These stamps were always listed and priced by the London catalogues at high prices.

Scott's 1953 now lists these stamps as minor varieties at high prices. These stamps will no longer be available in the U.S. at low prices.

NEW ZEALAND. As usual most of the Health stamps were increased in price. These stamps have shown a consistent increase in catalog price each year.



Sept. 27-28—Mahoning Valley Stamp Club, Butler Art Institute, Youngstown, Ohio.

Sept. 27-28—Philatelic Society of Cincinnati, Hotel Sheraton-Sinton, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Oct. 3-5—Bergen County Stamp Exhibition, Town House, Teaneck, N. J. Teaneck Stamp Club, hosts.

Oct. 4, 5—Windsor "Y" Stamp Club, YMWCA 511 Pelissier St., Windsor, Ont., Canada.

Oct. 10-12—Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, Masonic Temple, Waterloo, Iowa, Cedar Valley Stamp Club, hosts.

Oct. 11-12—Jamboree, Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J.

October 16-19—British North America Philatelic Society, Statler Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Oct. 17-19—Oklahoma Philatelic Society, Civic Center, Bartlesville, Okla., Bartlesville Stamp Club, hosts.

Oct. 18, 19—New Castle Stamp Club, Elks Club, New Castle, Pa.

Oct. 18-19—Sea Gull Stamp Club, Nueces Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas.

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